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**Committee Bill No. 6147**

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Referred to Committee on Select Committee on Children

Introduced by:  
(KID)

**AN ACT CONCERNING GENDER SPECIFIC SERVICES AND  
PROGRAMS FOR JUVENILE OFFENDERS.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General  
Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 46b-121h of the general statutes is repealed and  
2 the following is substituted in lieu thereof:

3 It is the intent of the General Assembly that the juvenile justice  
4 system provide individualized supervision, care, accountability and  
5 treatment in a manner consistent with public safety to those juveniles  
6 who violate the law. The juvenile justice system shall also promote  
7 prevention efforts through the support of programs and services  
8 designed to meet the needs of juveniles charged with the commission  
9 of a delinquent act. The goals of the juvenile justice system shall be to:

10 (1) Hold juveniles accountable for their unlawful behavior;

11 (2) Provide secure and therapeutic confinement to those juveniles  
12 who present a danger to the community;

13 (3) Adequately protect the community and juveniles;

14 (4) Provide programs and services that are community-based and

15 are provided in close proximity to the juvenile's community;

16 (5) Retain and support juveniles within their homes whenever  
17 possible and appropriate;

18 (6) Base probation treatment planning upon individual case  
19 management plans;

20 (7) Include the juvenile's family in the case management plan;

21 (8) Provide supervision and service coordination where appropriate  
22 and implement and monitor the case management plan in order to  
23 discourage reoffending;

24 (9) Provide follow-up and nonresidential postrelease services to  
25 juveniles who are returned to their families or communities;

26 (10) Promote the development and implementation of community-  
27 based programs designed to prevent unlawful behavior and to  
28 effectively minimize the depth and duration of the juvenile's  
29 involvement in the juvenile justice system; and

30 (11) Create and maintain programs for juvenile offenders that are  
31 gender specific in that they comprehensively address the special and  
32 unique needs of a targeted gender group and promote development of  
33 positive gender identities during the formative years of the gender  
34 group.

35 Sec. 2. Section 46b-121k of the general statutes is repealed and the  
36 following is substituted in lieu thereof:

37 (a) The Office of Alternative Sanctions shall be charged with the  
38 duty of developing constructive programs for the prevention and  
39 reduction of delinquency and crime among juvenile offenders. To that  
40 end, the director shall cooperate with other agencies to encourage the  
41 establishment of new programs and to provide a continuum of  
42 services for juvenile offenders who do not require secure placement.

43 The programs shall be tailored to the type of juvenile including the  
44 juvenile's offense history, age, gender, mental health and chemical  
45 dependency problem, and other characteristics. The Office of  
46 Alternative Sanctions shall develop programs that provide: (1)  
47 Intensive general educational programs, with an individual  
48 educational plan for each juvenile; (2) specific educational components  
49 in the management of anger and nonviolent conflict resolution; (3)  
50 treatment for chemical dependency; (4) mental health screening,  
51 assessment and treatment; and (5) sexual offender treatment.

52 (b) The Office of Alternative Sanctions may contract to establish  
53 regional secure residential facilities and regional highly supervised  
54 residential and nonresidential facilities for juveniles referred by the  
55 court. Such facilities shall operate within contracted-for capacity limits.  
56 Such facilities shall be exempt from the licensing requirements of  
57 section 17a-145.

58 (c) The Office of Alternative Sanctions shall collaborate with private  
59 residential facilities providing residential programs and with  
60 community-based nonresidential postrelease programs.

61 (d) Any program developed by the Office of Alternative Sanctions  
62 that is designed to prevent or reduce delinquency and crime among  
63 juvenile offenders shall be gender specific and shall comprehensively  
64 address the special and unique needs of a targeted gender group and  
65 promote the development of positive gender identities during the  
66 formative years of the gender group.

***Statement of Purpose:***

To provide for gender specific programming in the juvenile justice system.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*

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